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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6581**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1475

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 22, 2012

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Environmental Rules.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Wolkins

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill prohibits the Environmental Rules Board from adopting a rule or standard that is more stringent than a corresponding federal provision established under federal law.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill provides that the Environmental Rules Board may not approve a rule that is more stringent than a corresponding federal provision. The bill could affect state and local expenditures to the extent that it may prohibit the imposition of rules that could generate more or less revenue or spending by state and local governments. The impact is indeterminable and would depend on the nature and number of rules affected by this bill.

This bill could also reduce expenses of the Environmental Rules Board to the extent that the board may not have to meet as often because its workload could be diminished.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** See *Explanation of State Expenditures* above.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** See *Explanation of State Expenditures* above.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** See *Explanation of State Expenditures* above.

**State Agencies Affected:** IDEM; Environmental Rules Board.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Potentially all local units of government.

**Information Sources:**

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